

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: CAR-357

Property Name: Denton Shirt Factory

Property Address: Parcel 78 (No Street Address); West Denton, MD 21629

The Denton Shirt Factory was moved in 2003 or late 2002. It is assumed to be ineligible for the National Register due to diminished integrity of setting and location.

2/25/2005

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Denton Shirt Factory Inventory Number: CAR-357 Is it a district? No

Address: Parcel 78 (No street Address) City: West Denton Zip Code: 21629

County: Caroline USGS Topographic Map: Denton Quad

Owner: 24883 Steamboat LLC

Tax Parcel Number: 78 Tax Map Number: 28F Tax Account ID Number: 06-008887

Project: CDBG Shirt Factory Relocation & Repairs Agency: Caroline Co/Old Harford Town Maritime

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☐ Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ * None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ * no ☐ yes Name of district: NA

Is district NR-listed? ☐ Determined eligible? ☐ District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description-The subject property is a late nineteenth century (1895) rural, industrial building constructed as a sewing factory for shirt production. The construction of the shirt factory is documented in a February 2, 1895 newspaper account detailing the construction, proposed used and owners. The building continued to be used continuously as a shirt factory until 1929 when the operation was moved across the Choptank River to the Town of Denton.

Construction- The outside dimensions of the shirt factory building are 33'-3" X 40'-6". The building is a 1-story framed timber construction with exterior bevel cut siding and interior tongue & groove paneling on the walls and ceiling. The shirt factory was constructed with a high ceiling (10') and a large work area (approx 1,200 SF) w/ a single corner office for the supervisor. The floor consists of two layers of tongue & groove flooring and there are ten large double hung windows (four on each side and two in the front). The primary framing consists of heavy timber bent frames spaced on ten-foot centers and incorporating a heavy timber truss supporting the roof. The truss is a unique, modified (truncated) king rod truss connected by beam purlins which support common rafters. Horizontal girts provide the wall framing between the timber columns. The foundation consists of brick piers that support the perimeter sill and center floor beam.

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐ Contributing resource ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: Eligibility must be re-evaluated after proposed move.

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

04/29/02

Date

5/14/02

Date

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Current Condition- The shirt factory is vacant and in a dilapidated condition. However, the main structural components and framing can be preserved and repaired to a functional condition if immediate action is taken. The building occupies a parcel that has rezoned for constructing mini-warehouse units. To date, all buildable portions (with the exception of the portion occupied by the shirt factory) of the parcel now have warehouse units constructed and it is the intent of the owner to burn or demolish the shirt factory to free up the parcel for the construction of additional units. The owner will agree to donate the building to Old Harford Town Maritime Center for adaptive reuse on an adjacent parcel, but the structure must be moved from its current location in a timely manner or be demolished.

Significance- This structure may represent the only surviving timber frame structure specifically constructed for the sewing industry during Maryland's Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (A.D. 1870-1930). The shirt factory represents an economic historic theme related to industrial textile factories and specifically the sewing factories that produced the garments for local and regional distribution. Further evaluation and detailing of the structure is also expected to yield additional significance regarding the unique truss construction, which was utilized.

Preservation Initiative- In an effort to preserve the structure, correct its blighted condition and promote economic development in West Denton, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development has offered to preserve this structure through the use of a Community Development Block Grant and the Commissioners of Caroline County have approved the submission of an application (on behalf of Old Harford Town Maritime Center, Inc.) for federal funding under the Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development CDBG Program. The proposed use of the CDBG funds will meet one of three National Program Objectives - "Elimination of Slum or Blight." The proposed CDBG project activities will include the relocation, repairs and adaptive reuse of the structure as a visitor's center and exhibit hall. The repairs and upgrades will bring the structure into compliance with the current building codes and serve as an economic stimulus to the area.

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Date Prepared April 21, 2002

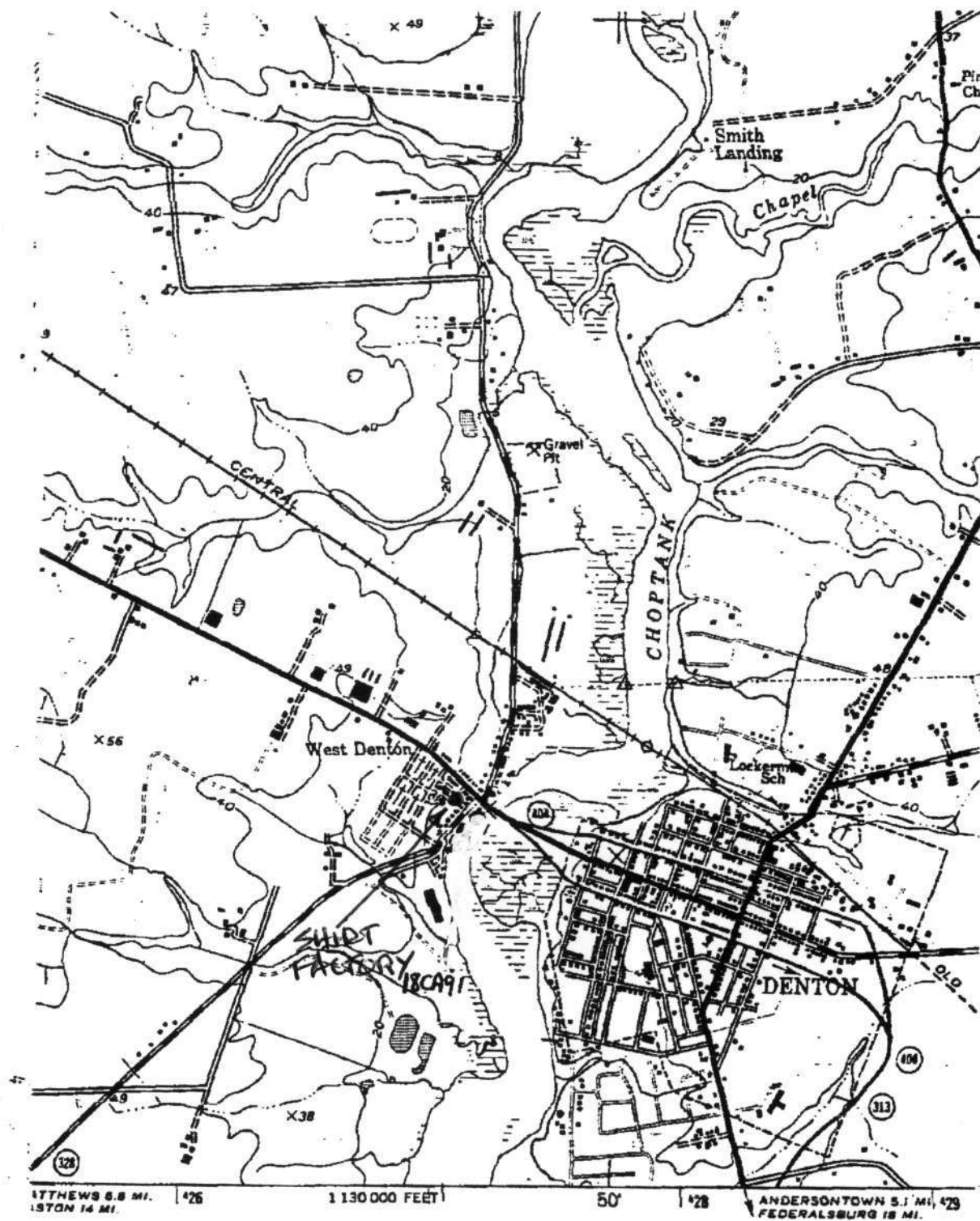


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Continuation Sheet No. 2

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Photocopy section of quadrangle map(s) and mark site location with heavy dot or circle and arrow.





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Description Photograph #1- North elevation view of W. Denton Sewing Factory with partial east elevation. Photo take from the northeast facing southwest from Steamboat Alley (unpaved public road).

Photographer: Master Photographer, Harry L. Burnett, Jr. in November of 2002 took photographs of the W. Denton Sewing factory (circa 1895) in its originally constructed location.

Photographer's Address: 25025 Pealiquor Rd. Denton, Maryland 21629

Photographer's Phone: 410 479-0977



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Description Photograph #4- West elevation view of W. Denton Sewing Factory. Photo taken from the west facing east from adjacent lot.

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Description Photograph #2- North elevation view of W. Denton Sewing Factory with partial west elevation. Photo take from the northwest facing southeast (towards Choptank River) from Steamboat Alley (unpaved public road).

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Description Photograph #5- South elevation view of W. Denton Sewing Factory. Photo taken from the southeast facing northwest from Factory Lane (unpaved public road).

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Description Photograph #3- East elevation view of W. Denton Sewing Factory with partial south elevation. Photo take from the east facing west from Factory Lane (unpaved public road).

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